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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">09/700167</div>	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US00/02126		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 27 January 2000		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 27 January 1999	
TITLE OF INVENTION Cardiac Valve Procedure Methods And Devices					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Gregory H. Lambrecht et al.					
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date. 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). 					
Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: 					

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Date:

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Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

FILING OF PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

The attached patent application is being filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.10.

Applicants hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119, of PCT Patent Application No. PCT/US00/02126, filed 27 January 2000, and U.S. Patent Applications Nos. 60/177,599, filed 27 January 1999; 60/152,135, filed 25 August 1999; and 60/161,934, filed 28 October 1999, in the United States.

Applicants' attorney is also submitting the requisite fee as calculated on the attached transmittal letter.

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SUBMISSION OF PATENT APPLICATION TO ENTER
THE NATIONAL STAGE UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

The attached International Application No. PCT/US00/02126 is being submitted to enter the United States national stage under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 371.

In addition, Applicants are submitting the following materials:

- (1) a Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning A Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371;
- (2) a Filing Of Patent Application Under 37 CFR 1.10, including a claim for priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119, of PCT Patent Application No. PCT/US00/02126, filed 27 January 2000, and U.S. Patent Applications Nos. 60,177,599, filed 27 January 1999; 60/152,135, filed 25 August 1999; and 60/161,934, filed 28 October 1999;
- (3) a Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- (4) a Small Business Entity Verified Statement;
- (5) an Assignment, together with a Recordation Form Cover Sheet;
- (6) a copy of the International application as filed;
- (7) a copy of the formal drawings;
- (8) a copy of the original PCT request;

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(9) a copy of the International Search Report prepared by the United States Patent Office;

(10) a Preliminary Amendment;

(11) an Information Disclosure Statement, together with Form PTO-1449 (one page) and copies of the cited references; and

(12) a check in the amount of \$1421.00 in payment of the application fees.

Please direct all communications in this matter to the undersigned attorney.

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VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL BUSINESS ENTITY STATUS

The undersigned, Todd Davenport, hereby declares that he is Chairman, CEO, and President of VIACOR, Inc., a Delaware corporation having a principal place of business at 66-H Concord Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887, and is empowered to act on behalf of said corporation in this matter; that said corporation qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 C.F.R. 121.3-18 for purposes of paying reduced fees under Title 35, United States Code, Sections 41(a) and (b), in that the number of employees of said corporation, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons; and that on information and belief, exclusive rights under contract have been conveyed to and remain in said corporation with regard to the invention described and claimed in the above-identified U.S. patent application

For purposes of this statement, the number of employees of said corporation is the average over the previous fiscal year of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and concerns are affiliates of each other when either directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

VIACOR, Inc.

10/19/00
Date

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